(ख) रक्षा सचिव की इस संबंध में रूस यात्रा का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) इस सूचना को प्रकट करना लोकहित में नहीं होगा ।

(ख) रक्षा सचिव की 30 अक्तूबर से 05 नवम्बर 1994 तक की रूसी यात्रा के दौरान रूस के साथ रक्षा तकनीकी सहयोग संबंधी महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दों, और हिस्से-पुर्जों की कतिपय मदों की आपूर्ति से संबंधित समस्याओं पर चर्चा की गई थी । कुछ शस्त्र प्रणालियों की आपूर्ति के बारे में भी प्रारंभिक बातचीत की गई थी ।

Scientists of SSPL, Delhi

2578. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently awarded 'cost and back wages' to a scientist of Solid State Physics Laboratory, Delhi and has also made observations against Government;

(b) if so, whether the exact amount of loss to Government on this account has been calculate d;and

(c) what steps have been taken to recover this loss from the persons whose actions resulted in the Supreme Court allowing each a criminal petition alongwith the service matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Supreme Court has recently awarded cost and only 1/3rd of the backwages to a Scientific Officer who had been dismissed from service consequent to a Departmental enquiry, as the court observed certain procedural infirmity in conduct of the enquiry and dismissal of the officer.

(b) As awarded by the Court, the payment to be made to the appellant works out to be Rs. 5,000 as the cost and Rs. 3,16,095 as 1/3rd of the backwages. As per Govt. rules, such payments on account of award by the court are not treated as loss.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Rental compensation for occupation of Gigrial

2579. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether rental compensation in respect of land under the occupation of the army in Village Gigrial, Akhnoor district, Jammu has not been paid for 1993-94 so far despite the fact that the Union Government have already released the amount for purpose;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the immediate payment of the rental compensation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The rental compensation for 1993-94 for the total requisitioned area of 106 375 acres of land in village Gigrial, Tehsil Akhnoor in Jammu District has been released by the Defence Estates authorities to the Deputy Commissioner concerned. The disbursement of rental compensation is made by the Deptuy Commissioner.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Restructuring of DRDO

2580. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently approved the restructuring of the Defence Research and Development Organisation: and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to take effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) There has been no restructuring of Defence Research & Development Organisaton. However, for better career propects of non-gazetted scientific and technical staff of DRDO, Government have recently approved restructuring of Gp 'B' and Gp 'C' scientific and technical cadre with a provision of induction from Gp 'D' employees and creation of a newly organised service Defence Research and Technical Service (DRTS).

(b) In the new scheme, the existing vacancy based promotion system has been replaced by a merit-based promotion system under flexible complementing, i.e. automatic upgradation of posts for promotions. The new scheme will enhance the promotion of the concerned personnel sustantially. Steps for implementation of the scheme have already been initiated and the scheme is expected to be implemented in later half of 1995.

Decommossioning of aircraft carriers

2581. SHRI JADGISH PRASAD MATHUR :
SHRI HIPHEI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that INS Vikrant and INS Virat the two aircraft carriers, are to be decommissioned in the next few years;

(b) What steps Government have taken for the replacement of these two naval ships;

(c) whether it is a fact that high Naval Officials have expressed apprehensions on the replacement of the two ships due to resource crunch; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) As per its anticipated life span, INS Vikrant is scheduled for decommissioning soon. INS Virat on the other hand is quite a few years away from the time when its decommissioning will be considered

(b) Government are alive to the requirements of the Navy.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The country has had to face financial constraints during the past few years which have also had an impact on the Defence Budget. Moreover, available resources have to be allocated taking into account the threat perceptions, the capabilities of our potential adversaries and the inter se priorities fixed based on the above considerations.

Miltary traing is schools and colleges

2582. SHRI TINDIVNAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government propose to introduce compulsory military training for the youth in schools and colleges;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether military science is taught at Higher Secondary Level as per the prinlciple "Catch them Young"; and

(d) if not, by when this scheme is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Introduction of compulsory military training is not considered to be consonant with the democratic ethos of our Country. Moreover, the benefits accuring therefrom are not likely to commensurate with the enormous expenditure which would be involved in such an effort.

(c) and (d) Teaching of Military Science as a part of the curriculum for the school stage has not been recommended by the NCERT.

Replacement of naval vessels

2583. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has deen drawn to the reports published in the 'Observer' of November 29, 1994 and 'Indian Express' of December 2, 1994 relating to the decline in the Naval power;

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether most of the Naval vessels, aircraft carriers and submarines are nearing completion of their useful life, requiring replacement in the near future;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;